

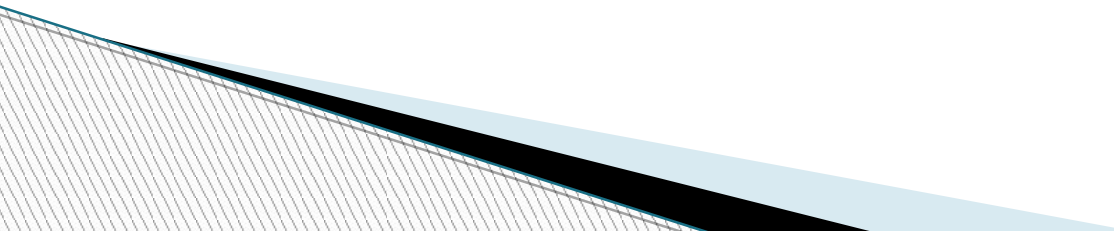
## **Child Protection Foundation Training**

# **Overview of Child Welfare in Illinois**

**Webinar 3**



# Mission Statement

- ▶ Protect children who are reported to be abused and neglected and to increase their families' capacity to safely care for them;
  - ▶ Provide for the well-being of children in our care;
  - ▶ Provide appropriate, permanent families as quick as possible for those children who cannot safely return home;
  - ▶ Support early intervention and child abuse prevention activities;
  - ▶ Work in partnership with communities to fulfill our mission
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# ANCRA

## Abused and Neglected Child Reporting ACT

- ▶ Provides the framework for Child Welfare in Illinois
- ▶ Provides legal definitions
- ▶ Created the State Central Registry (the “Hotline”)
- ▶ Describes Child Protection Specialists’ responsibilities

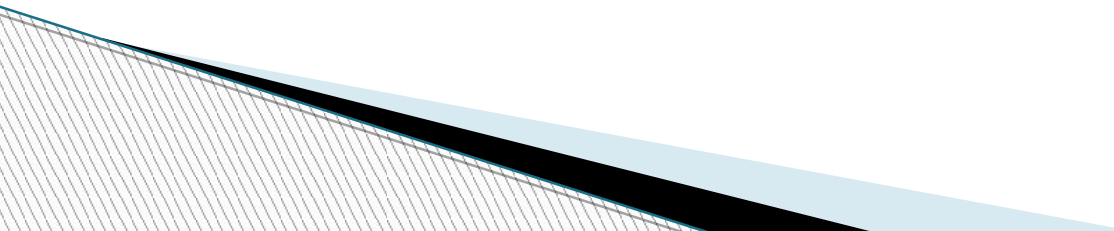


# Delegated Authority

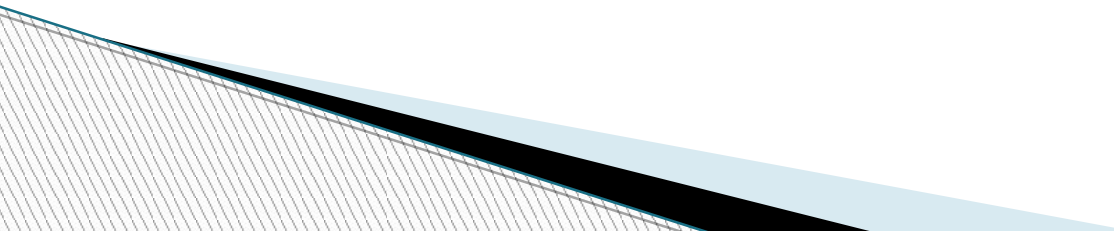
- ▶ **ANCRA gives the delegated authority to staff who receive specialized training in child abuse & neglect investigations**



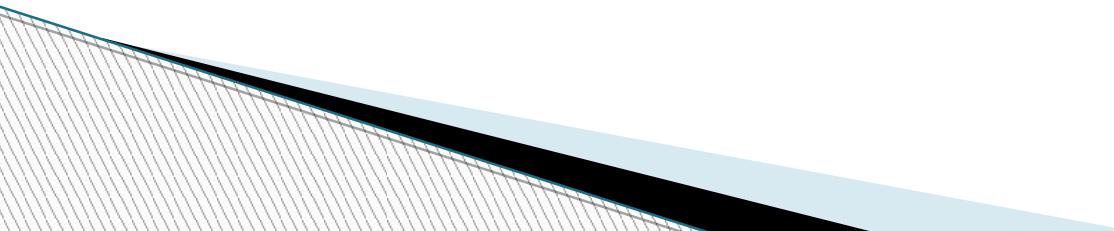
# The Child Abuse Hotline (SCR)

- ▶ SCR receives all reports of suspected abuse and neglect
  - ▶ Records the disposition/outcome of all reports
  - ▶ Maintains a record of all children who are child abuse/neglect victims
  - ▶ Maintains a record of those who have abused or neglected children (perpetrators)
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# ABUSE

- ▶ Abuse is an act of COMMISSION
  - ▶ PER ANCRA: abuse is an inflicted, caused or allowed act upon a child “other than accidental means....injuries that may cause death, disfigurement, impairment..bruising, burns, broke bones, internal injuries, human bite marks...excessive corporal punishment”
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# **ABUSE Continued**

- ▶ Sexual abuse
  - ▶ Creates a substantial risk of physical harm
  - ▶ Acts of torture
  - ▶ Cuts, welts, and bruises
  - ▶ Transfer of non-prescribed medication, alcohol, or controlled substance
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# Eligible Perpetrator

- ▶ Parent
- ▶ Caregiver
- ▶ Family Member
- ▶ Any person residing in the home
- ▶ Paramour

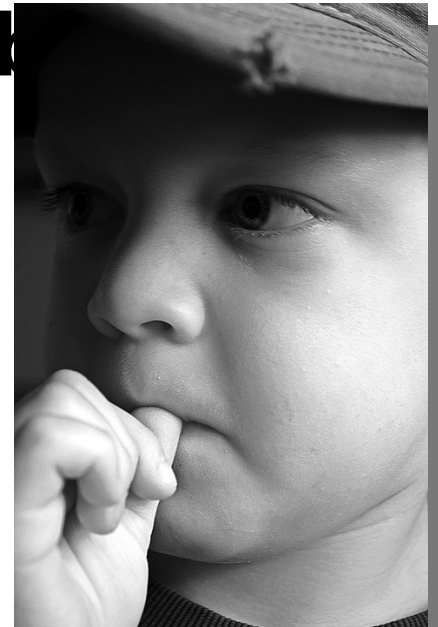




# Neglect

- ▶ **Neglect is an act of OMISSION**

**A duty, responsibility or obligation is not met to protect the child and impacts well**



# Neglect Continued

- ▶ Food
- ▶ Clothing
- ▶ Shelter/Environmental neglect
- ▶ Medical
- ▶ Supervision

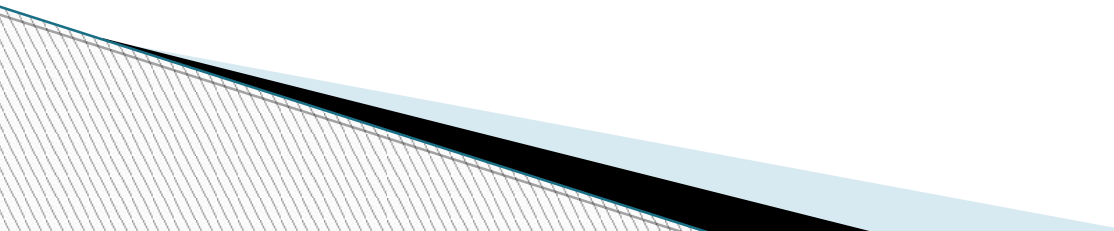


# Eligible Perpetrators for Neglect

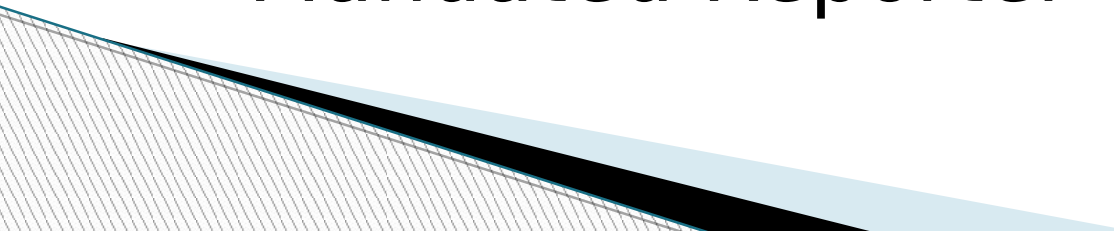
- ▶ Parent
- ▶ Current Caregiver
- ▶ The Criteria is more narrowly defined



# **Delegated Authority and Protective Custody**

- ▶ Designated Staff (CPSW or On-Call staff)
  - ▶ Law Enforcement
  - ▶ Treating Physician
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# How Families Get Involved in the Child Welfare System

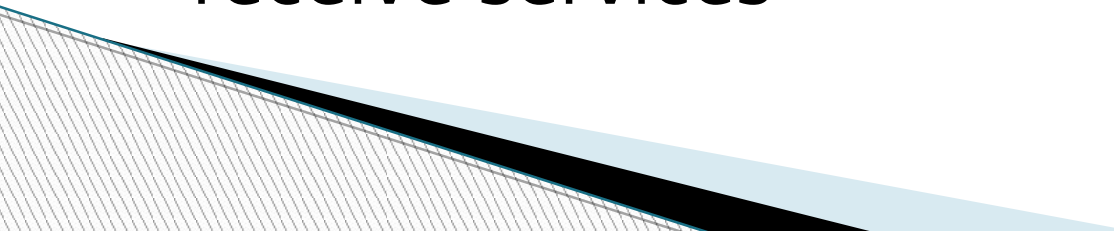
- ▶ Reports of suspected abuse or neglect
    - Hotline reports made by concerned citizens or mandated reporters
  - ▶ Child Welfare referral
    - Self-referral
    - Third party
    - Mandated Reporter
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# Mandated Reporter

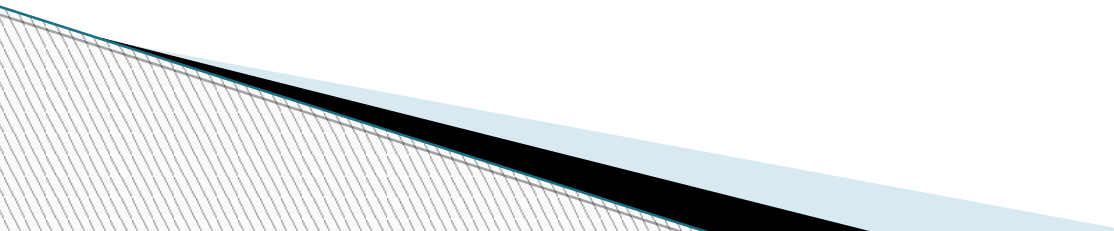
- ▶ The Law in Illinois (ANCRA) designates that certain groups of professionals are required to report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect.
- ▶ Individuals, in the professional capacity, who come into contact with children are considered Mandated Reporters



# Investigations

- ▶ Investigations must be completed within 60 calendar days
  - ▶ Alleged victims must be seen within 24 hours to assess their safety
  - ▶ Reports are either “indicated” or “unfounded”
  - ▶ Families can be referred for services at any point during the investigation
  - ▶ Families don’t have to be indicated to receive services
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# Child Welfare Services

- ▶ Child Welfare Specialists provide services to the family
  - ▶ Intact Services
  - ▶ Permanency/Placement (reunification)
  - ▶ Adoption
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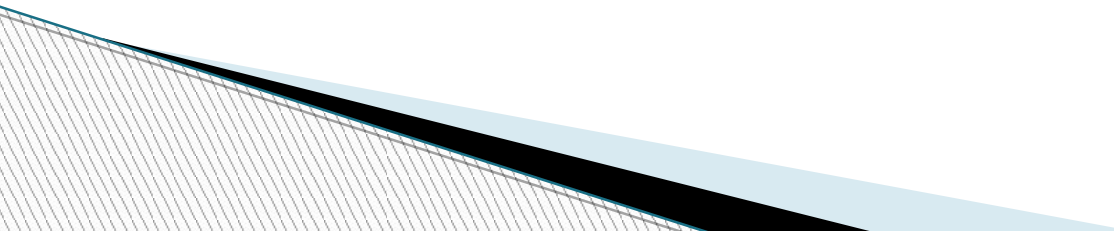


# Child Welfare Services

- ▶ While ANCRA mandates that an investigation shall and must be completed once a report of suspected abuse or neglect occurs, all Child Welfare Services in Illinois are **voluntary**



# The FTS Model

- ▶ Family Centered
  - ▶ Trauma Informed
  - ▶ Strength Based
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# **Evolving Procedures and Improving Practice**

- ▶ Engagement of Fathers
  - ▶ Fictive Kin
  - ▶ Updates to Procedure 300
  - ▶ Simulation in Training
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